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this article below shows that MSFT has peddled for favors from President Bush on down to congressmen, and Attorney General Ashcroft..... if you approve this settlement, you will be flying in the face of the Tunney ACT..... please consider what you are doing, this settlement does nothing to keep MSFT from violating the law.... it doesn't even address all eight of the findings of the appeals court..... please use your power to stop this blight on justice.....

Microsoft Fails To Disclose Congressional Lobbying

By Robyn Weisman, www.NewsFactor.com

According to several legal experts mentioned in news reports, Microsoft (Nasdaq: MSFT - news) failed to inform federal judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly that it lobbied members of Congress in relation to its ongoing antitrust case. Court filings reveal only that Microsoft contacted members of the executive branch of the federal government, not anyone in Congress, despite reports to Congress that the company spent US\$300,000 on lobbying in the first half of 2001 alone.

AT&T Didn't; Why Should We?

Defending itself against the allegations, Microsoft contended that AT&T, when it was embroiled in its own antitrust case in the early 1980s, also failed to inform its federal judge of its lobbying actions toward Congress, despite a 1974 statute that requires companies to do so.

That statute, known as the Tunney Act, was designed to prevent companies like Microsoft and the old AT&T from peddling favors to government employees in exchange for more leniency.

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